

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SECTIONS OF EAGLES ISLAND
AND THE OLD BUSINESS DISTRICT OF BELVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
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Figure 1

The intersection of US 421 and US 17/74/76 on the west side of the Memorial Bridge over the Cape Fear River at Wilmington, North Carolina

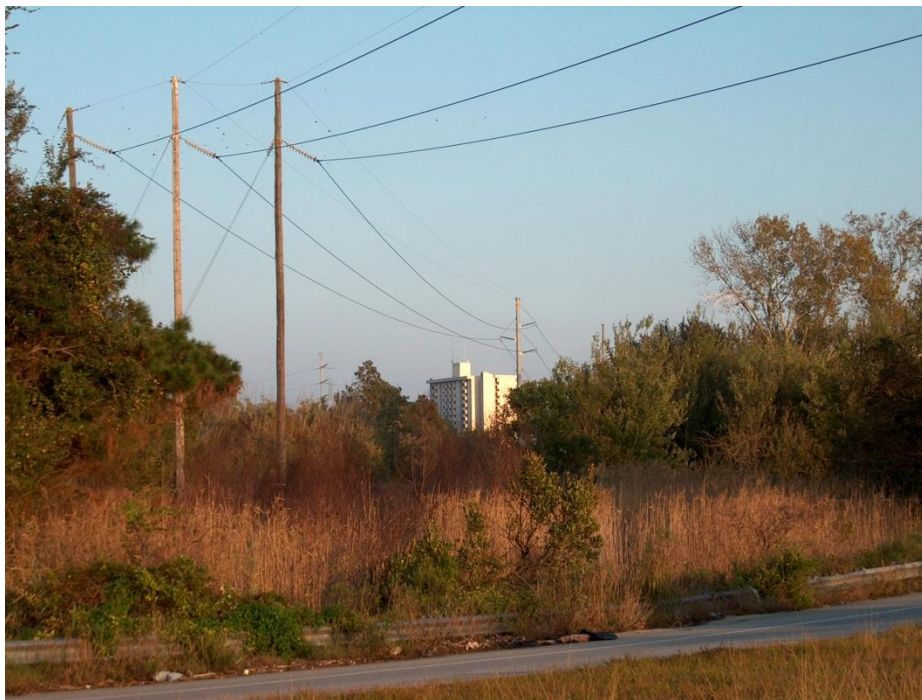


Figure 2

A view of the Solomon Towers building from the west wise of Cape Fear River



Figure 3

Marshland on the Eagles Island on the northwest side of the Cape Fear River at Wilmington

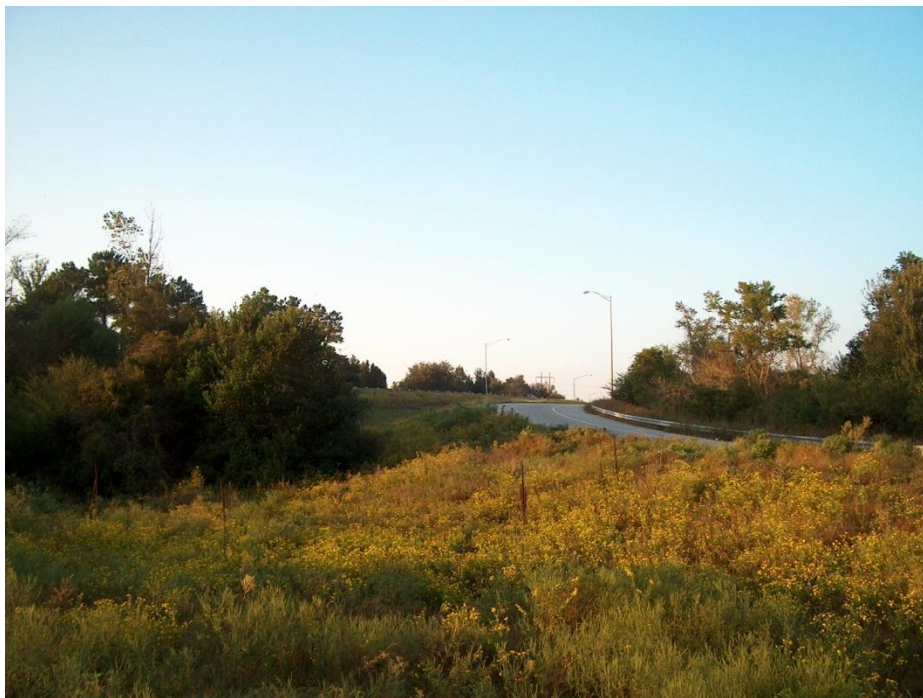


Figure 4

The US 421 off-ramp to US 17/74/76 South on Eagles Island



Figure 5

The east side of the bridge over the Brunswick River on Eagles Island



Figure 6

Ditching on Eagles Island near the Brunswick River



Figure 7

Vegetation near US 17/74/76 on Eagles Island



Figure 8

Dead branch on Eagles Island near the Brunswick River



Figure 8

Wild flowers on Eagles Island near the east bank of the Brunswick River



Figure 9

Pines and scrubs on the east bank of the Brunswick River at Eagles Island



Figure 10

Pines and wild flowers edging the north side of the US 17/74/76 embankment on Eagles Island



Figure 11

The former site of the derelict “USS Belville/Leland” (sank in the early 1990s) near the bridge over the Brunswick River



Figure 12

Looking south on the bridge over the Brunswick River – Eagles Island on the left and Belville on the right

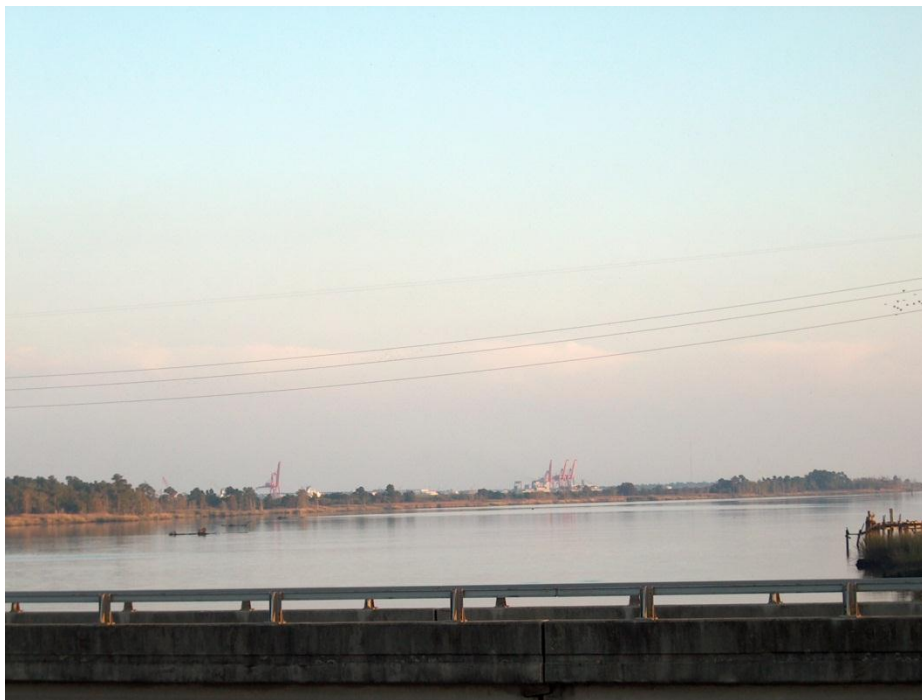


Figure 13

Site of the former “Lay-Up Basin” for Liberty Ships on the Brunswick River after World War II



Figure 14

Belville is located off US 17/74/76 on the southwest side of the Brunswick River

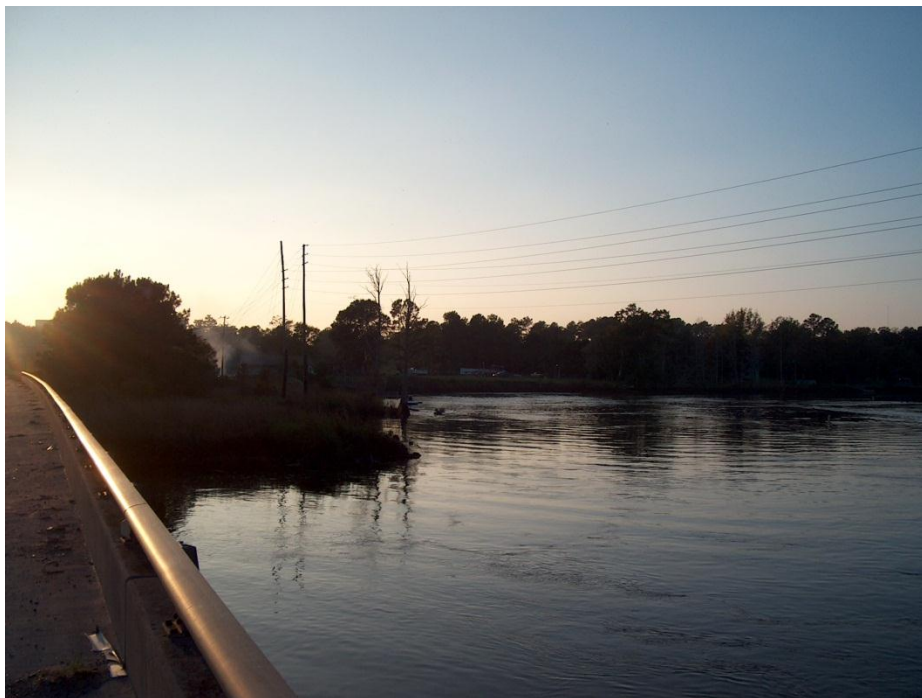


Figure 15

Leland is located on the northwest side of the US 17/74/76 bridge on the Brunswick River



Figure 16

The Brunswick River on the north side of the bridge on US 17/74/76



Figure 17

A view of Eagles Island from the Brunswick River (1)



Figure 18

A view of Eagles Island from the Brunswick River (2)



Figure 19

A view of Eagles Island from the Brunswick River (3)



Figure 20

The old business district of Belville as seen from the US 17/74/76 embankment on the west side of the Brunswick River



Figure 21

The old business district of Belville as seen from the US 17/74/76 embankment (2)

The old business district of Belville was bypassed when US 17/74/76 was built. Businesses closed thereafter, and the district gradually fell into ruin over a period of several decades. Nearly all of the old structures shown in these photograph from 2003 were demolished several years later..



Figure 22

Former site of a motel on the extreme west side of Belville (1)



Figure 23

Former site of a motel on the extreme west side of Belville (2)



Figure 24

Former site of a motel on the extreme west side of Belville (3)



Figure 25

Former site of a motel on the extreme west side of Belville (5)



Figure 26

A damaged sign post on east side of the motel site



Figure 27

Looking east towards the old business district of Belville



Figure 28

Site of what appeared to have been a self-service gas station



Figure 29

The main street of the old business district at Belville



Figure 30

A former motel (1)



Figure 31

A former motel (2)



Figure 32

A palm tree on the road through the old business district of Belville (continuing east)



Figure 33

A second view from the same location as the pervious figure



Figure 34

Horn's restaurant on the left side of the street going east (later demolished)



Figure 35

The sign for Horn's restaurant (Cookery)



Figure 36

An old wooden store



Figure 37

A residence



Figure 38

The split in the road (note the old wooden store on the right)



Figure 39

Another old wooden store



Figure 40

An old gas station converted into a strip of shops



Figure 41

Close-up of businesses at the split in the road



Figure 42

Continuing east on the right of the split



Figure 43

Building east of Horn's restaurant (north side of the street)



Figure 44

An abandoned service station